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Bonn. The reports printed abroad on the *Spiegel* case, which is rocking the West German Government, have obscured the political essence of this fierce affair. The weekly *Der Spiegel*, published in Hamburg, is a combination news, opinion and scandal magazine that has attained a substantial circulation (700,000) and much influence in the past decade. Its politics are ferociously anti-Christian Democrat; above all, against Strauss, the Defense Minister, and the other civilian and military leaders who are rebuilding Germany's military force. *Der Spiegel* is also bitterly anti-American, anti-NATO, super anti-Nazi, pro-coexistence, and leftist. Sophisticated observers generally believe both its management and its staff to be infiltrated by Communist agents as well as fellow-travelers. In its journalistic methods, anything goes. *Der Spiegel* has succeeded in getting contacts in the most confidential government offices, including especially the military and foreign affairs agencies; and it was through certain of these contacts that it got the secret reports on the showing of the Bundeswehr in the NATO exercise, the printing of which (in garbled form) precipitated the sudden arrest of publisher Rudolf Augstein and four of his associates (one of them picked up in Malaga on request of the German police) under a charge of high treason. In the continuing crisis that has followed, *Der Spiegel*, backed by the Left, with the delighted international help of the Communists in the background, pictures the episode as final proof that a rearming, anti-Communist, Adenauer-Strauss Germany is merely a neo-Nazi Hitlerian Germany in Christian clothing. It is this picture, familiar in any case from so many recent books and movies, that is being spread abroad.

Taipei. In terms of territory, population and power, the Chiang regime may have a shaky case as legitimate government of China, but it has been minutely careful to maintain a consistent juridical record in asserting China's national interest against all comers. Its basic position rests, of course, on the contention that it is not an exile government, but rules from Chinese soil: though China's right to sovereignty over Formosa is by no means indisputable in either history or law. The Chiang government condemned the aggressive barbarities of the Chinese Communist absorption of Tibet, but without renouncing the Chinese claim to sovereignty over Tibet. Again last week, Taipei denounced the tactics of the Chinese Communists; but even in doing so, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated officially: "The so-called MacMahon Line is a line unilaterally claimed by the British during their rule over India. The Government of the Republic of China [i.e., the Chiang government] has never accepted this line of demarcation."

Accra. The frayed fabric of the Commonwealth was displayed last week in the letter to Prime Minister Macmillan

that Kwame Nkrumah, violating diplomatic manners, made public before it had been received in London. The Osagyefo stated that he was "gravely distressed and saddened" because Macmillan has promised to help Britain's—and Ghana's—fellow Commonwealth member, India.

Milan. The closest associates of Enrico Mattei, the Italian energy czar who died last month in a seeming airplane accident on the way to this city, are convinced that he was assassinated. Certainly there were many who, on personal, political or economic grounds, had strong motives for wanting him out of the way. He was ruthless in crushing rivals and opponents. Anti-Communists feared and hated him for his dealings with Russia internationally and his support of the Left within Italy. Many Jews distrusted his pro-Arabism. He had made a particular target of the British and American international oil companies, and had undermined their position by both his Russian and his Arab schemes. A still more ambiguous possibility arises from the rumor that Mattei was secretly in the process of coming to terms with the American oil interests, as represented particularly by Standard Oil of New Jersey. During



"Sorry mate, can't manage CND this week—got an Anti-Common Market to do."

the summer, State Dept. Under Secretary George Ball journeyed to Rome for a secret dinner at which only he, Mattei and Ambassador Reinhart were present. Mattei's death flight was to have taken him to a meeting here with David Rockefeller, head of the Chase Manhattan Bank, and, through his family and banking interests, the most powerful factor in SONJ.

London. An item in the *Daily Express* indicates that America's is not the only royal family featuring water in its frolics: "There was riotous fun. Major Wills dragged Lady Westmorland along by the cord of a lifejacket she wore over her gown. Lord Snowdon beamed with delight. More hubbub. 'What on earth is it all about?' asked the Princess [Margaret]. 'I have just put Lady Caroline Waterhouse under a shower,' roared the major."

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